



# **Congressman Bill Thomas**

## **22nd District, California**

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## **Thomas Announces Federal Funding for San Miguel Road Safety**

Congressman Bill Thomas today announced that San Luis Obispo County will receive \$250,000 to construct and improve safety features on streets in downtown San Miguel. The funds were included at Thomas' request in the conference report, or final version, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005.

Specifically, the County will use the funds to construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and bike lanes on San Miguel's 16th Street. Plans also include raised crosswalks aimed at keeping vehicle speeds down. The improvements will be made along a designated Safe Route to School.

"These funds will be used to make tangible improvements to 16th Street that will make it safer for the students and pedestrians who use it," said Thomas.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 passed the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Saturday. It will now be sent to President Bush for his signature.

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For additional information on this project, you may contact Ron DeCarli, Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments at (805) 781-4219 or Cliff Smith of Supervisor Harry Ovitt's office at (805) 781-4491.